



*In memory of the great man  
West End Rowing Club and Takapuna Grammar Rowing  
are proud to hold the annual*

# *Eric Verdonk*

## MEMORIAL REGATTA

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Lake Pupuke - North Shore  
Sunday, 5th November 2023

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*Open to Auckland Clubs and Schools with age group,  
club and masters events. We look forward to seeing you  
and your supporters at this regatta.*



# EVENT NOTICE:

Regatta Secretary  
clubcaptain@werc.co.nz  
West End Rowing Club  
26 Saunders Ave, Avondale  
Auckland, 1026

Eric Verdonk Memorial Regatta  
LAKE PUPUKE, NORTH SHORE  
**Sunday, 5th November 2023**

- Full event list will be posted to rowit.co.nz
- Entry Fees are \$20 + GST per athlete limited to a maximum of 3 races per athlete. Fees will be invoiced after entries are loaded into rowIT and payable prior to the regatta start.
- Entries open Thursday 5th Oct 2022 at 10am and will close at 10pm Tuesday 24th Oct.
- All regatta entries must be made online using the rowIT entry system. Instructions for using this system are set out on page 3.
- If you require ease of identification and clarity of Clubs/Schools entries for athlete fees then Clubs/Schools should enter under their own rowIT code. Normal club affiliation will apply for calculation of Club regatta points for the Millennium Cup. School Crews have the option of racing in either Club or School colours. Schools entering the regatta will be identified with their rowIT entry code. (see page 4 for more detail). **Unique school identification is important for Takapuna Cups trophy points accumulation.**
- Coxswains weights are to be 55kg for all events. Crews are responsible for their own weights. Spot checks will be made by the ARA Representative following races. Crews with underweight coxswains will be disqualified.
- **PLEASE NOTE** – bow numbers, based on an alpha numeric system, will be available from the Secretary's caravan, and **MUST** be used to identify crews for each race.



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# REGATTA ENTRIES:

rowIT Online Regatta Entry System

**www.rowit.co.nz**

All Auckland Clubs and Schools already have rowIT logins. You should contact Andrew Carr-Smith if your logins need updating and to make sure you have the set-up that suits your club or school.

As this is still the start of a new season clubs may need to update their roster before making entries.

- Rowers who have been entered in regattas previously are already recorded in the rowIT database.
- All new rowers must be in the rowIT system before you make your entries. New rowers can be added directly into the rowIT database, or added into the RNZ as licensed or unlicensed members before importing into rowIT.

**For ease of identification of Clubs/Schools and clarity in billing athlete fees we request Clubs/Schools enter under their own rowIT code. School crews that are entered under a club's code should use double-digit crew numbers for identification.**

rowIT has the ability to provide dual recognition of both club and school. This can be used to supplement the identification of schools using one of the above methods. It is done during entries by recording both school and club for a crew. Details have been provided to rowIT logins holder by Andrew.

**Crew numbers** will be used for seeding crews into divisions. If you are using double-digit crew numbers the second digit is the important one. If you have a crew that is your only entry in an event but you wish to row it in an easier division (ability reasons only please!) then allocate a higher crew number e.g. AKLC 2, WESC 22, etc.

**Entries** will be able to be entered into the rowIT regatta entry system from Thursday 5th Oct 2022 at 10am until 10pm Tuesday 24th Oct.

**Changes** (scratchings, late entries\* and substitutions) can be made via the rowIT program, from about lunchtime Monday 31st October to Thursday 6th November.

\* Late entries will only be accepted if there is space in the program, and it does not increase the number of races.

**Day sheet** We will endeavour to release a draft Day Sheet early in the week for clubs/schools to check their entries.

**Tent site** Requests should be sent direct to the Regatta Secretary and these will be allocated outside the rowIT regatta entry system.

Andrew Carr-Smith will be available to assist Clubs with their entries: [andrew@rowit.co.nz](mailto:andrew@rowit.co.nz)



# REGATTA ENTRIES:

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All organisations in rowIT have a four-letter code:

rowIT codes	CLUB	
AKGC	Auckland Grammar RC	
AKLC	Auckland RC	AKLC 1-9
RPCA	Auckland RPC	
BARA	Baradene College	WESC 11-19
CAMB	Cambridge RC	
CARM	Carmel College	NSHC 31-39
COMC	Counties Manukau RC	
DILW	Dilworth College	SGEC 41-49
DIOC	Diocesan School for Girls	AKLC 31-39
EDWT	Edgewater College	SGEC 31-39
EGGS	Epsom Girls GS	AKLC 21-29
GLDW	Glendowie College	SGEC 21-29
HOWI	Howick College	
KGCA	Kings College RC	
MACL	Macleans College	SGEC 11-19

rowIT codes	CLUB	
MERC	Mercer RC	
MTAL	Mt Albert Grammar	WESC 31-39
NSHC	North Shore RC	NSHC 1-9
PUKE	Pukekohe High School	AKLC 41-49
SGEC	St Georges RC	SGEC 1-9
SKEC	St Kentigern RC	
STPA	St Peters School	WESC 21-29
SHAK	Sacred Heart College	AKLC 11-19
TAKA	Takapuna Grammar RC	
WTMC	Waitemata RC	
WENT	Wentworth College	NSHC 41-49
WESC	West End RC	WESC 1-9
WTLB	Westlake Boys HS	NSHC 11-19
WTLG	Westlake Girls HS	NSHC 21-29
WREC	Whangarei RC	



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# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

1. Events rowed under the NZRA Rules of Racing and Directives for Regattas with special conditions by the ARA.
2. Events rowed on approximately 1000m course.
3. No.1 lane position nearest the starter.
4. Boats to be identified by fixed alpha numeric bow numbers supplied by the regatta organisers. Boats without a bow number may not be allowed to start.  
**NOTE: Boat numbers will be supplied by the ARA from the Secretary's caravan.**
5. Coxswain weight – 55kg for all events. Crews are responsible for their own weights. Spot checks will be made by the ARA Representative following races. Crews with underweight coxswains will be disqualified.
6. Bow balls must be the correct size and correctly attached.
7. Coxswains must wear a New Zealand Safety Standard approved lifejacket.
8. Heel restraints must have a maximum 70mm free movement. All boat shoes must be fitted with a quick release mechanism – Velcro, or similar. Lace-up shoes will not be permitted.
9. For bow-coxed boxed boats there must be an exit facility for coxes.
10. Programme alterations may be made to suit the day's weather conditions.
11. Umpires and starters may combine races at their discretion.
12. Regional Performance Centres may enter composite crews in any Open class events.
13. Late entries of \$5 + GST per boat accepted only where numbers permit. Payment must accompany late entries otherwise the crew will not be allowed to start.
14. Crews must finish outside the marked buoy anchored close to the finish. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
15. The ARA will mediate any disputes that arise, and their decision will be binding.
16. The ARA will mediate the refunds if the regatta is cancelled. All clubs must pay the entry fees prior to race day.
17. The safety briefing will be held at 7:15am on the grass bank in front of the marquees. Attendance is compulsory for all coaches and school/club reps. Those clubs/schools not represented will not be allowed to race until they have received instructions from the officials.



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# IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CLUBS

1. Only vehicles towing boats and official cars with a parking pass will be allowed entry to the car park. Disabled parking will be available.
2. Buses are not permitted in the park of Sylvan Park Avenue. Please advise buses of this restriction.
3. Parking has been restricted in Sylvan Park Avenue as a condition of use of the reserve. Please observe the requests of the regatta marshals.
4. Regatta traffic is not permitted into the cul-de-sac past the park gates.
5. **Auckland Council has advised that vehicles parked on verges or in no parking zones around the lake will be towed away. Please advise your club members as Auckland Council has advised parking restrictions will be actively policed at all Lake Pupuke regattas.**
6. Refer to the Regatta Booklet published by the ARA for the 2013/2014 season for details of the Lake Pupuke venue.



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# LIABILITY AND POLICY:

## Exclusion of All Liability

West End Rowing Club and Takapuna Grammar School Rowing Club remind all clubs, schools and rowers participating in this regatta that while every care will be taken by the Regatta Officials to ensure that the regatta is conducted safely and efficiently, and in accordance with the rules established by the Auckland Rowing Association, it is the responsibility of the clubs and schools to ensure safe rowing activity.

Further, it is a condition of participation in this regatta that all participants accept and note that no liability whether in tort of any nature whatsoever is accepted by or will attach to the Auckland Rowing Association or the West End Rowing Club and Takapuna Grammar School Rowing Clubs, for any harm, damage, loss, costs, expenses, inconvenience, interference of whatever nature incurred in the course of or in connection with or in any way related to the Regatta, regardless if whether any error or omission, wrong doing, oversight, negligence or other tort whatsoever on the part of any Regatta official or other person may be established.

## Cancellation/Entry Fee refund policy

If the regatta organisers have to cancel the regatta on race day (5th November) for any reason, unfortunately entry fees cannot be refunded as running costs will have been incurred.

## Alcohol free

No alcohol is to be brought into the regatta area or consumed during the regatta and during boat loading at the end of the day.



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